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Sir:

A petition and Fee for a one-month Extension of Time accompany this paper.

In response to the written restriction requirement dated June 30, 2006, the applicants are submitting a corrected Sequence Listing, paper copy as well as a computer readable format (disk), Statement Under 37 CFR §1.821 and amendments made to the specification in this Preliminary Amendment/ Election. Please note that the Election is summarized in the Remarks Section of this Paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks and Election** follow the amendment sections of this paper.